

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. GC717-2-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 1656
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Serial No.: 10/500,936)
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Filed: March 25, 2005)
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Variants)

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Response to Office Action Mailed November 20, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be made. Applicant also hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to submit a Response and have included a Petition to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned application. Applicant inadvertently missed the six-month deadline to file a Response to the present Office Action (*i.e.*, May 20, 2007) and hereby petition for its revival.

A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 3. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks begin on page 4 and the Conclusion is on page 10.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).